

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2550 - SB 2512**

February 13, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases, from \$50 to \$200, the fine for a first offense of not properly stopping for a school bus that has stopped to discharge or receive children based solely on evidence from a camera that was installed on the exterior of the bus.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Revenue - \$1,500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, the average number of citations issued in 2019 and 2021 for the offense of improperly overtaking a bus receiving or discharging youth was 51. Data from 2020 was omitted due to pandemic disruptions.
- The proposed legislation increases the penalty for the offense in only the cases in which the violation was based solely upon evidence from a camera installed on the exterior of the bus.
- It is unknown what percentage of citations issued for this offense fall into this category; however, it can be reasonably assumed to be 20 percent.
- The net increase in local revenue for each citation issued is \$150 (\$200 - \$50).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-151(c)(6)(A), 100 percent of the proceeds from any fine imposed that is based solely upon evidence obtained from a school bus camera shall be allocated to the local education agency without being designated for any particular purpose.
- The total increase in local revenue is estimated to be \$1,530 [(51 citations x 20%) x \$150] in FY22-23 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director